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report on the Bulgarian cement industry. The report shows the increase in cement production over the past thirty years, the importance of the export market to the development of the cement industry, and the types of cement produced in Bulgaria

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B U L G A R I A ATTACHMENTECONOMICBulgaria's Cement Industry

1. Cement production in Bulgaria, which amounted to a total annual capacity of 20,000 tons in the early twenties, it is estimated will reach an annual production of 1,300,000 by 1958/1959.

2. The following is a brief survey of the gradual increase in production over the past 30 years:-

Early 20s	.....	Two small factories with a total annual capacity of 20,000 tons.
1939	.....	Owing to the extension of previous enterprises, annual production reached 220,000 tons, i.e. 36 kg. of cement per head of the population.
1945/46	.....	Old enterprises were again extended and new cement plants built: the two original factories were reconstructed and production increased to 400,000 tons.
1947	.....	The Vulkan cement plant was put into operation - annual capacity of 300,000 tons.
1948	.....	Further extensions, and production reached 500,000 tons per annum.
Early 1958	The construction of a cement plant near VRATSA ^{began} was launched ; the annual capacity

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of this plant will be 300,000 tons.
It will have up-to-date furnaces, will
work according to the dry method and
the use of heat will be reduced by
more than half. This in turn will
bring down the cost of cement apprecia-
bly.

3. A further large plant is under construction and is to be
commissioned this year: its annual production it is estimated will
be in the region of 400,000 tons.

4. The export market is of great importance for the develop-
ment of Bulgaria's cement industry and, in view of the great demand
for Bulgarian cement on the foreign market, production is constantly
increasing. At the present time Bulgaria exports an average of
100,000 tons of cement annually throughout the Soviet Union, the
People's Democracies [redacted] and other
countries.

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5. Though formerly only two brands of cement were produced in
Bulgaria - 250 and 300, today Bulgarian plants turn out cement with
brands 400, 500 and 600. Sulphate resistant and tamping cement are
also produced: these kinds of cement being used for tamping drills
and for stopping the influx of water during oil prospecting.

6. Bulgarian cement is greatly appreciated abroad as it is said
to exceed all requirements [redacted] Moreover, pros-
pects for the development of Bulgaria's cement industry are good in
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- a) her inexhaustible supply and the high-grade quality of
her raw materials, i.e. marlm limestone and gypsum, and
- b) the skill and industry of her workers and engineers.

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